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FIRST 5 SHASTA INVESTS \$40,000 IN CHILDRENS PROJECTS

REDDING (January 29, 2004)-----Five Shasta County projects that serve young children and their families will receive funding from First 5 Shasta, formally known as the Shasta Children and Families First Commission. A total of \$40,000 in "Special Opportunity" funding will be invested in projects that support the healthy development of young children, ages 0-to-5.

The recipients of the fall Special Opportunity funding awards are as follows:

- **City of Anderson, Parks & Recreation - \$12,000**
Project: Anderson River Park toddler playground featuring play equipment for young children up to five years of age.
- **Millville Preschool - \$11,008**
Project: Refurbishing of preschool playground.
- **Shasta Library Foundation - \$5,200**
Project: Purchase of children's books and materials supporting early literacy.
- **Shasta County Women's Refuge - \$5,740**
Project: Enhancement of playroom and library for young children at domestic violence shelter.
- **Tri County Community Network - \$6,051**
Project: Replacement of preschool playground equipment with age appropriate, safe equipment.

The next available round of Special Opportunity funding is Spring 2004. Interested parties are encouraged to pursue funding for projects that meet the goals and objectives of First 5 Shasta. To obtain more information about Special Opportunity Funding, visit the First 5 Shasta web site at <http://ccfc.ca.gov/shasta> or call 530-229-8300.

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